



It's Summertime!

May is often the time when we unfurl ourselves and make our way outdoors. We can celebrate simple pleasures: bare feet on grass, the sun warming our faces and lazy afternoons drinking tea outside. As I



write this, the weather is awful, but I'm hoping May will be warmer. It should be a month that gives us a bit of time to ourselves. For our teenagers it's often a

time of study and examinations, but the end is in sight. Summer arrives with the potential for restoration and relaxation; the increased daylight hours provide time to explore our hobbies, our interests and outdoor spaces. And all of this starts on 1 May.

May Day is the ancient festival celebrating the start of summer, often with the crowning of a May Queen, dancing around a maypole or singing on the Magdalen College tower. This year however we will be celebrating with the coronation of King Charles III and the Queen Consort Camilla on the slightly later date of 6 May.



For many of us this will be the first opportunity to witness the ancient ceremony of coronation. Using oil of Chrim pressed from olives picked on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, the Archbishop of Canterbury will perform the anointing, a duty which has been undertaken by incumbents of the post since 1066. It seems fitting that the new King will be anointed with fruits of the earth he has been campaigning to protect for over 50 years.

We shall then become a nation of pomp and parties with bunting, fizz and cake aplenty. Here in Marston all are invited to the Church Street party on Sunday 7 May 1-3pm: see all the posters for details.

When we celebrate together we express our joy and our community spirit. Celebration is usually shared between small groups, but, on rare occasions we come together with people around the



nation. It is an outpouring of happiness that we share with the significant people in our lives. It's important to mark our own historic occasions, to create times worthy of remembering. So, aside from the coronation celebration, what will you be celebrating this May?



The warmer days? The delights of a garden heading into summer? A family wedding or a long-anticipated holiday, a journey or sabbatical? Are

you an open water swimmer just waiting to pull on the wetsuit or a painter longing for blue skies and blowsy blooms? We each have our own celebrations, some grand and some less so.

But whether you intend to celebrate the crowning of our King, the wedding day you'll never forget or



the arrival of your first home grown tomato, enjoy the moments: record them and share them as we stroll into summer and the new Carolean era.

Blessings, Revd Skye

BENEFICE OF MARSTON & ELSFIELD



Welcome to St Nicholas & St Thomas.
Further details can be found on our website - stnicholasmarston.org.uk Or call Marston Parish office on 01865 580354.

Every Wednesday at 9:30am we have Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church.

A Church For Everyone



St Nicholas Church has joined The Inclusive Church Network.

Sunday 7th - 5th Sunday of Easter

10am - Community Celebration Service with Holy Communion.

Guest Speaker **Phil Evans from Christian Aid** with Jr choirs/choir & Worship band at St Nicholas Church. The service is **LIVE streamed straight onto YouTube**

6:30pm - Joint BCP Choral Evensong at Iffley St Mary's The Virgin.

Sunday 14th - 6th Sunday of Easter

8am BCP Communion Service at St Nicholas Church

10am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas Church
The service is **LIVE streamed straight onto YouTube**

Sunday 21st - 7th Sunday of Easter

8am BCP Communion Service at St Nicholas Church.

10am CW Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Church

10am BCP Matins at St Thomas in Elsfield

3pm Mortimer Hall Park - LOVE MARSTON LOVE LIFE

An all age community event for everyone in Marston

Sunday 28th - PENTECOST

8am BCP Communion Service at St Nicholas Church

10am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas Church
The service is **LIVE streamed straight onto YouTube**

6pm CONFIRMATION SERVICE with Bishop Steven
Refreshments in the hall to follow

What to quote in May?

On the Dance of the Mayfly by Alexander Pope

Some to the sun their insect-wings unfold,
Waft on the breeze, or sink in clouds of gold.
Transparent forms, too fine for mortal sight,
Their fluid bodies half dissolv'd in light.
Loose to the winds their airy garments flew,
Thin glitt'ring textures of the filmy dew;
Dipt in the richest tincture of the skies,
Where light disports in ever-mingling dies,
While ev'ry beam new transient colours flings,
Colours that change whene'er they wave their wings.

Nature notes: What to see and hear in May?

May is the month of peak birdsong, celebrated on International Dawn Chorus Day on Sun 7 May. Why not go for an early morning walk to experience nature's greatest symphony? Or just open your window at



dawn to hear the birds in your patch. It's "no mow May", an opportunity to leave some or all your lawn un-mown and see what grows or visits. On warm days look out for the pretty orange-tip butterfly. Their caterpillars feed on cuckoo flower and hedge garlic, the latter also known as Jack by the hedge.

Swifts return this month – listen out for their screaming parties at dusk.

What to make in May

Easy tiramisu

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp good quality instant coffee granules
- 2 tbsp Tia Maria/own brand coffee liqueur/brandy
- 2 x 250g tubs Mascarpone cheese
- 1 x 500g carton fresh custard
- 100g grated dark chocolate.
- 1 packet of sponge fingers



Method

Mix coffee with sugar and 300ml boiling water, then add Tia Maria. In a separate bowl, beat mascarpone until soft, then gradually beat in the custard. Dip half the sponge fingers in the coffee mixture and use to line a serving dish. I prefer an oblong one. Sprinkle a third of the chocolate over the biscuits, then half the custard mixture. Then do the same again to repeat the layers. Sprinkle the rest of the chocolate on the top. Cover with cling film and chill for at least one hour in the fridge before serving. Decorate with fruit to taste.

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Our next meeting will be on Tue 9 May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Please come and join us for an evening of fun, games and cream tea. New members always welcomed.

Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot will be held on Mon 15 May from 10.30am to 12 noon. We welcome all who would like to meet more people. Please contact Eileen Palayiwa via eileen.palayiwa@yahoo.com or 01865 725423 for details.

Lunch Club

Our next lunch will be on Fri 26 May at 12.30 in the Church Hall: all welcome. A £4 donation is requested. To book ring Debbie (our administrator) on 580354.

Bereavement Support Group

The next meeting of our Bereavement Support group in the Church Hall is likely to be in June. This is a small, informal group, most likely to benefit those who have been bereaved in the last two years, but may also be suitable for others. If you are interested please contact Eileen Palayiwa on 01865 725423

From Marston Mums

We invite anyone who is living with or beyond cancer, families, friends and health care professionals to join us once a month to walk, jog, run, cheer or volunteer at a 5k Your Way Move Against Cancer group, linked to a local parkrun. All ages & abilities are encouraged and welcome. Lots of us will be walking. Do as little or as much as you want: there is no need to walk the whole 5k. It's free!

When: the last Saturday of every month. 9am parkrun start. Meet outside San Remo café, Cutteslowe Park, Oxford OX2 8ES

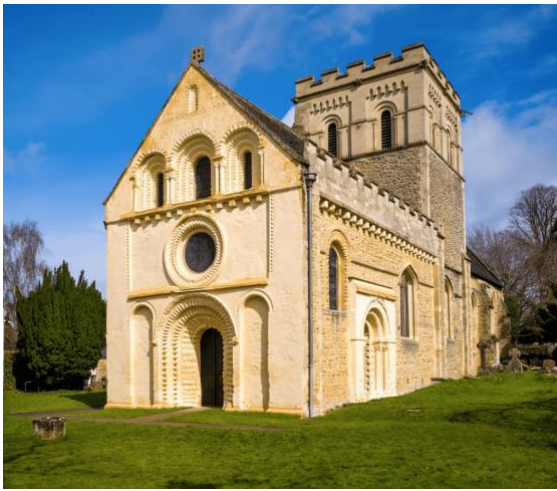
Email: Oxfordgroup@5kyourway.org

Register: www.5kyourway.org/register



Choral Evensong

With the Combined Choirs of St Mary's Iffley and St Nicholas
St Mary's, Iffley



*All welcome to join us for
these contemplative
renewing services with
well-loved words and
worshipful music*

Sunday 7th May 2023

(at St Mary's Iffley)

Time: **6.30pm***

Sunday 5th Nov 2023

(at St Nicholas, Marston)

Time: **6pm***

St Nicholas, Old Marston



** Please note different
start times*

For more information email:

office@iffleychurch.org.uk musicdirector@stnicholasmarston.org.uk

Old Marston Library volunteers

A team of volunteers helps to keep Old Marston library open by each giving 1½ hours of their time every month. This ensures that we can let people borrow books on a Tuesday evening or a Friday afternoon or a Saturday morning. We work in teams of two and training is given. Does this sound like fun? If so, email me and I'll tell you what to do next. janlawrie@btinternet.com



MASTERS OF THE RENAISSANCE

Celebrating 400 years of Byrd and Weelkes, including music by their contemporaries.

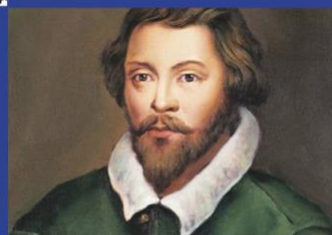


Exeter College, Oxford

Saturday 20 May
7.30 pm

Oxford Pro Musica Singers

Mark Jordan | Conductor



£12 advance tickets

£15 on the door
(£5 under 25s)

via the QR code and ticketsource.co.uk/oxfordpromusica



CORONATION SUNDAY



Sunday 7th May 2023



STREET PARTY



BRING & SHARE



MUSIC



1pm-3pm



ALL WELCOME



CHURCH LANE - OLD MARSTON



Enquiries to: marstontimes@gmail.com




Loaves & Fishes

MARSTON COMMUNITY LARDER

Along with a few essential items there will be fresh produce (bread & veg, fruit etc) from Oxford Food Hub. Any left will be moved into the SESI refill area

 Sharing surplus, reducing waste

 Marston Community Larder is supported by Old Marston Charity Trust

9-11am

THE GIVING GARAGE

Marston Eco Hub - OX3 0PR

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY

Pick up or drop off FREE plant pots, vases, mugs, wellies and other garden/ household items, and BORROW garden equipment (rakes & spades, ladders, strimmers, wheelbarrows, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, bike rack etc),

Further details email Skye: joskso@yahoo.co.uk or call 01865 202988

The Giving Garage will be closed during June and July, including loaves and fishes. The Sesi refill station will remain open, but please do not leave any items for the Giving Garage during this time.



St. Nicholas Marston



Messy Church at St Nicholas, Marston
Summer 2023

Sunday 18th June
Sunday 16th July
(No meeting in August)

10 - 11.30am, Church Hall, Elsfield Road

Crafts, Bible Stories, Singing,
Prayer, Breakfast

All ages welcome
(children need to bring an adult with them)

FREE!




PULSE

**22nd April &
13th & 27th May
10th & 24th June**

**A welcoming Youth Group for 11+
2nd & 4th Sats 7-9pm**

If you want to know more contact
administrator@stnicholasmarston.org.uk

Love Marston Love Life



'Love Marston Love Life' will be bigger and better than before. With entertainment from a professional magician, local choirs, bouncy castles, refreshments and stalls from community groups, there should be something for everyone to enjoy. We hope to see you there!



Old Marston Parish Council report

Firstly, the PC would like to wish you an enjoyable Coronation Bank Holiday: it hopes that any celebrations are both enjoyable and successful.

At the April meeting the PC looked at planning applications from 60 Cherwell Drive and the old changing rooms at Court Place Farm in Marsh Lane. The PC had no concerns with the applications: indeed, it saw the proposal for the Marsh Lane changing rooms as potentially an asset for the whole community. OCC has notified the PC that the application for 46 Oxford Road has been approved.

At the time of writing there has been no further news regarding either of the planning applications for Almonds Farm (land West of Mill Lane) or Hill View Farm. The most recent information was that the judge in charge of the judicial review had not made a decision.

The NO DOGS signs disappeared from the fences of Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground and Boults Lane Recreation Ground. They have now been replaced by new ones.

The PC has re-introduced the deposit of £50 for a burial in the cemetery. The deposit will be returned only if all wreaths and other obstructions to mowing have been removed from the burial ground within four weeks of the date of internment.

The Community Needs survey will be distributed to all households within the parish as soon as we have received it from the printers. We would like as many people as possible as to respond to give us the fullest information on their views.

The PC will have a stall at the Love Marston, Love Life event on Mortimer Hall Recreational Ground on Sun 21 May.

Due to the various Bank Holidays this month, the annual PC meeting will be on Mon 15 May at 7pm and the annual parishioners meeting will be on Mon 22 May at 7pm, both at Mortimer Hall. All are welcome. Full PC meetings are scheduled for 3 Apr, 15 May, 5 June, 3 July, 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 6 Nov & 4 Dec at 7pm at Mortimer Hall. Other committees meet there on the last Monday of each month at 6pm.

The clerk, Tim Cann, can be contacted by phone (203139) Mon to Wed from 9am until 1pm. Otherwise a message can be left or emailed via: clerk@oldmarston-pc.gov.uk

For information and agendas go to www.oldmarston-pc.gov.uk, Facebook or Twitter

A poster for 'Eat Pray Love' featuring three images: a woman eating pizza, a man praying, and a group of people laughing. The text 'eat pray LOVE' is overlaid on the images. On the right, a blue box contains the following information:

DATES

2023
April 23rd
June 25th
Sept 24th
Nov 26th

2024
Feb 25th

EAT PRAY LOVE

A CHRISTIAN GATHERING FOR ALL

A café style meeting place
Conversations with the gospels
Contemporary worship
Reflections on living for Christ

Sunday @ 6pm
4th Sunday of the month:
February, April, June,
September, November

St Nicholas' Parish Hall Room,
Esfield Road OX3 0PR

EatPrayLoveOxford
.WordPress.Com

St. Nicholas
Marston

Parish Organisations

Allotments Associations

Court Place Farm, Boults Lane. Chair: Jane Wilson
membership@cpf-allotments.org.uk

Sunday mornings 8.30 am – 11.00 am07530 068977
Mill Lane Chairman: Dr. M. Unkovskaya.....07771 702548
Treasurer Dana Vlad07919 493580
Secretary Christine Mitchell07789 991051

Baby and Toddler Club Weds 10-11.30 term time in Parish Hall
Gill Hale, 64 Arlington Drive01865 248260

Bellringers:

Practice Friday 7.30pm Learners welcome
Hugh Deam, Tower Captain.....01865 247574
Roy Peach, Secretary.....07788 746157

Choirs and Musicians at St Nicholas

Junior Choir, SATB Choir, Music Group
Practices at various times.
Neil Barker.....musicdirector@stnicholasmarston.org.uk

Coffee Pot

Coffee morning, monthly, Monday
Eileen Palayiwa, 27 Ouseley Close01865 725423

Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Units

Evenings throughout the week. Adult volunteers as well as girls welcomed!

District Commissioner, Lesley Dentry,.....07765 418067

Leisure:

OXSRAD Sports and Leisure Centre,
Court Place Farm, Marsh Lane.01865 741336

Library (next to Mortimer Hall) opening hours

Tuesday 2-5pm; 5.30-7pm
Thursday 2-5pm; 5.30-7pm
Friday 10-12noon; 2-5pm
Saturday 9.30-12.30pm01865 726823

Hedena Health Medical Centre.01865 597023

Marston Community Gardening

Alistair Morris01865 724081
Kate Robinson01865 766620

Marston Saints Football Club

John Page.www.msfc.org.uk

Mortimer Hall (Village Hall)

Chris Crane, 2 Raymund Road01865 727995

Oxford City Council (Marston Representatives)

Mary Clarkson, 8 Dunstan Road, Oxford OX3 9BY01865 751493
Alistair Morris, 55 Arlington Drive, Oxford OX3 OSJ.....07804 847285

Oxfordshire County Council (Marston Representative)

Mark Lygo07765 665 726

Oxford Preservation Trust, Marston Area

Lucy Hughes, Cross Farm.....01865 244570

Parentline

Confidential helpline for parents.....01865 726600

Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Tim Cann, 8 Nicholas Avenue01865 203139
(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm)
Chairman: Duncan Hatfield07706 998224

Pre-school at Mortimer Hall

open 9 sessions a week07818 236348

Royal British Legion Club Hall:

Steward01865 243991

Schools

Friends of St Nicholas School.....01865 242838

Scouts — 43rd Oxford (St. Nicholas) Scout Group, Boults Lane

Group Scout Leader, Tim Greaves..... tim.greaves@keble.oxon.org
Beaver Scout Leader, Sue Springett01865 251515
Cub Scout Leader, Rachel Vallancevallance.whanau@gmail.com
Scouts Leader, Linda Phillips07804 925705

St. Nicholas Church Hall and Committee Room

Debbie Bailey, Parish Office.....01865 580354

Women's Institute

Meetings at 7.30 second Tue of each month - new members welcome!
President, Judy Youngjudithyoung732@gmail.com
Secretary, Jennie Burrow.....jennie.burrow@gmail.com

Trade Directory

Airport transfers

Colin Dobson (taxi to anywhere).....07429 349187
MJM Airport transfers.....07983 225474

Architectural services for Planning Permissions/ Building Regulations

Digby Architectural: 4 Broughton Close07979 756918

Building/Builders Services

Colin Simpson: High Class painting, decorating and coving etc:
10 Dent's Close OX3 ONP.....01865 742842

Trevor Dines: No job too small - plumbing, complete bathrooms
from fitting a door to building an extension. Free estimates.

8, Raymund Road01865 452851, 07889 263140

Daniel Kelly: Painting and decorating services:07917 607949

Cleaning Carpets & Upholstery

Grimebusters: Quality carpet, rug & upholstery cleaning at competitive
rates. Free estimates01865 726983

Complementary Medicine

Oxford Reflexology: relaxation, stress-relief and rebalance
www.oxfordreflexology.co.uk.....07726 312719

Holistic Therapies with Dr Paola Bisicchia: Massage, Reiki, 07722 474735

Chakra Reading, Life Coaching email: info@yourawakeningpath.com

Dog grooming in your own home by Tania (NVQ level 3)

20 Harlow Way, Oxford OX3 OQS.....07877 183281

Electricians

Brian Turner: Registered NICEIC domestic installer01865 728729
All work guaranteed 33, Salford Road07538 382683

.....brian.r.turner@ntlworld.com

Craig Holloway Electrical Ltd:07868 706392

12 Arlington Dr, Marston OX3 OSHenquiries@craigholloway.co.uk

Elderly wellbeing

Foot Clinic

Oxfordshire Foot Clinic: We provide fast & efficient foot treatments,
including nail cutting and corn/callus removal. We visit you at home.
Appointments.....07742 964282

Funeral Directors

C S Boswell Independent funeral services.....01865 553737

D L Hancock Ltd (Independent family-run firm)

Personal 24-hour service 7 days a week.01865 767780

126 London Road, Headington OX3 9ED..... www.dlhancock.co.uk.

Homewood Funerals (Family-owned and managed)

14 Cherwell Drive, Marston OX3 4LY01865 570000

Garden & small machinery service/repair.....taylordannnyuk@yahoo.co.uk

Danny Taylor, 5 Ouseley Close, Marston OX3 OJS.....07796 573319

Hair and Beauty

Fiona's Hair Salon:

Salford Road, Old Marston OX3 ORX01865 241632

Home decluttering & organising: Marie Kondo certified..... 07877 183281

Monumental Mason

Reeves Memorials: New memorials, removal for burials, added
inscriptions & renovations.

147A Magdalen Rd, Oxford. OX4 1RL.....01865 251231

Pharmacy

Marston Pharmacy: 11 Old Marston Road.01865 243824

Plumbing, Heating & Gas

Lemarsh Building Services — plumbing and heating

22 Marsh Lane.....01865 761896, 07484 274331

S. J. Moore: Installation and servicing for all gas appliances.

Gas Safe Reg. 146337.

76, Arlington Drive.01865 724037, 07970 470176

Andrew Job Plumbing & Heating Ltd:

Gas Safe Registered Engineer 125206...01865 761896, 07710 390980

Tree Surgery, Fruit Tree Pruning

R. Timms: 80 Oxford Road01865 244608

Window Cleaning - MRF Window Cleaning Services

Mick Fry: 37, Green Hill Oxford OX4 7UD. Fully insured member of the
Federation of Master Window Cleaners .. 01865 777889, 07887 515168

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Thursday 18 May**